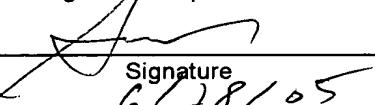


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 17, 2005, Applicant has timely filed this Amendment by Certificate of Mailing. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objections and rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following remarks and amended claims.

Please amend this application as follows: